

## HR 3297

H.E.L.P. Act

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**Chamber:** House

**Policy Area:** Immigration

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**Latest Action:** Referred to the Subcommittee on Immigration Policy and Enforcement. (Nov 21, 2011)

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## Committee Activity

| Committee           | Chamber | Activity    | Date         |
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| Judiciary Committee | House   | Referred to | Nov 21, 2011 |

## Subjects & Policy Tags

### Policy Area:

Immigration

## Related Bills

| Bill      | Relationship | Last Action  |
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| 112 S 480 | Related bill | <b>Mar 3, 2011:</b> Read twice and referred to the Committee on the Judiciary. |

## Summary (as of Nov 1, 2011)

Haitian Emergency Life Protection Act of 2011 or the H.E.L.P. Act - Amends the Immigration and Nationality Act with respect to V-visa nonimmigrants (spouses and minor children of lawful permanent residents who come to the United States to wait for completion of the immigrant visa process) to include certain Haitian nationals whose petition for a family-sponsored immigrant visa was approved on or before January 12, 2010.

Authorizes the Secretary of State to use secondary evidence to verify eligibility for such status or for immediate relative status.

Sunsets the provisions of this Act two years after its enactment.

## Actions Timeline

- **Nov 21, 2011:** Referred to the Subcommittee on Immigration Policy and Enforcement.
- **Nov 1, 2011:** Introduced in House
- **Nov 1, 2011:** Referred to the House Committee on the Judiciary.